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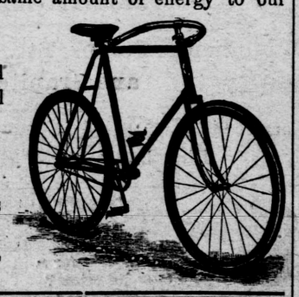

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THE DYING YEAR.

My door stands open wide tonight
In token of a parting guest,
Who twelve months since, with keen delight,
I welcomed to my homely nest.

He stands there now, wan, wasted, old,
His race quite run, his mission o'er,
And when the midnight hour is tolled,
We part, to meet on earth no more.

He came to me in merry guise,
With hopes and promises not few,
Ah, who could look within those eyes
And deem that they were all untrue!

But expectations all have fled,
The promises are broken, too,
The hopes lie withered, crushed and dead—
Not one of all but proved untrue.

And there he stands, decrepit, wan,
Who came to me a merry elf,
A few sands more he will be gone,
And with him gone part of myself.

So come and go the passing years
That bear us to the silent sea,
But bright with smiles or dim with tears,
They come in love, dear Lord, from thee.
—Christian Work.

A NEW YEAR ROMANCE

"You may talk as much as you please," said Muriel Vane, nodding her curly head, "but I'm going to receive company in the parlor on New Year's day. Why shouldn't I? Every other girl does."

"It's a sinful, wicked waste of time," said Mrs. Vane, "when the quilting is so behindhand and there's such a deal of sewing to be done."

"But life isn't all for work," pleaded Muriel. "And Mr. Clifton is coming all the way from the city in his sleigh to see me. Oh, mother, please let me have a loaf of homemade cake and some red apples and real cream for the coffee! Just for this once! It's only one day in the year. Do, mother!"

"Stuff and nonsense!" said Mrs. Vane, who was one of those aggravating women who make up their minds on the least possible grounds and then pride themselves on adhering to their word. "I've said no, and I mean no. When I was a young girl I wasn't setting my cap at every fellow that came along."

"Mother," cried Muriel, in an agony of wounded pride, "do you mean to say that I do such a thing?"

"You think a deal too much of the beaus anyway," said old Mrs. Vane, screwing up her thin lips. "And I'm going to break up that sort of thing. See if I don't!"

It was with difficulty that Muriel Vane, naturally a high tempered girl, checked the indignant retort that rose to her lips. Surely, surely, it was not right that she, a girl of 18, who was earning her own living by teaching in the district school, should be treated like a child of 8; that her tyrannical old mother should place no confidence whatever in her sense of right and delicacy. Up to this time she had rendered the tribute of an unwilling obedience to Mrs Vane's behests, and now she felt that punishment for just rebellion had come. She felt that she could not live any longer in this cramped, niggardly sort of way, with the very lumps of sugar for her tea meted out to her, one by one, and the pippin apples for her lunch dealt sparingly forth, as if each one were molded in gold. Mrs. Vane took her lamp away at 9 o'clock every night. She dictated to poor Muriel as to the very color of her dresses and the number of yards which she might purchase for them; in fact, the girl scarcely dared to think for herself. Could she live thus always? she asked herself. Was it right that she should?

"At all events, mother," said Muriel, speaking in a low, determined tone, "I shall receive my friends on New Year's day! It is my privilege, and I claim it!"

"Humph!" was the contemptuous rejoinder, but there was a world of meaning in it.

So Muriel retrimmed her one black silk dress and bought a new ribbon sash and baked a great, golden New Year's cake filled with plums and studded all through with translucent bars of citron and herself bargained with the grocer for two pounds of real Java coffee with as little adulteration of Rio, Maracaibo and chicory as he could bring himself to concoct.

"I can use the china that my grandmother Vane left me in her will," thought Muriel. "That, at least, is mine, although mother would never allow me to unpack it!"

She was busy decorating the walls of the little parlor with laurel leaves and long, dark green trails of prince's pine on New Year's eve, when her mother came into the room.

"Muriel," said she, "I want to send some dressed chickens and a peck of those golden pippins to your Aunt Dora at the lighthouse. Jenkins' boy is ready with the boat, but he's such a limb that I don't, for the life of me, dare to trust him with the apples and the bag of hickory nuts. I want you to go and ask Aunt Dora for the pattern of the new bedquilt—the 'Philadelphia pavement,' you know."

"Very well, mother," said Muriel in the old submissive way. "But isn't it rather late?"

"Pshaw!" said Mrs. Vane. "Why, the sun is an hour high yet. You'll be back long before dark if Jenkins' boy is spry with the oars."

Aunt Dora, Mrs. Vane's only sister, was a worthy scion of the family tree—tall, masculine and hard featured. She had always taken the entire charge of White Reefs lighthouse, even although the official appointment was conferred upon her husband, and when one day that public servant departed this life, things went on precisely the same. Muriel was not fond of her Aunt Dora, and her Aunt Dora regarded her as a "poor, chicken hearted creature—Vane all over." But Muriel did feel sorry for the lonely old woman, and she thought that even a pair of fowls and a few apples—this unwonted manifestation of sisterly feeling—were worth carrying to White Reefs. So she made haste to don her wadded cloak and little fur edged hood, and to draw on the scarlet woolen mittens, which she herself had knitted during those long, dreary winter evenings when she and her mother sat in silence opposite each other, for Mrs. Vane never invited any company, and gave her neighbors but scant welcome when they came of their own accord.

"Jenkins' boy" was ready with the boat, a small, ferret eyed youngster, with an intensely freckled face and a furtive, sidewise glance, which Muriel always distrusted; and as they glided out over the water, already dyed with the orange reflection of sunset, in the direction of White Reefs lighthouse, Muriel leaned her chin in her hands and thought of Mr. Clifton.

What would her mother say if she knew it all—that Paul Clifton loved her—that he was coming to ask for her at the maternal hands the very next day.

"It will be of no use," she thought sadly. "Mother will say no. She desires me to marry Squire Sedley, who is bald and deaf and twice my age, and who only wants me because his housekeeper has struck for higher wages and he thinks a wife would be better economy. But we can wait, Paul and I. We will wait."

And then they ran up alongside the tall, spectral cylinder of the lighthouse, for the tide was high and landing was comparatively easy, and Muriel sprang lightly out of the boat, looking up at the fiery eye in the lantern above.

"Give me the bag and the basket, Tommy," said she. "Steady with the boat now! I'll be back in one minute."

So the orange glow had burned down into a deep red radiance, and the dusk shadows off the New Year's eve were creeping over all the glassy surface of the sea.

Aunt Dora was at home. In fact, Aunt Dora never was anywhere else. Her own society, little as other people cared for it, was all sufficient for herself.

"Oh, it's you, is it?" said Aunt Dora, as unconcerned as if she lived on dry land and was in the habit of seeing company every hour in the day. She was darning stockings by her own especial little lamp, and the teapot already simmered on the hob for her tea. "Anything the matter? Because I couldn't leave the light if it was ever so"—

"No, nothing is the matter," said Muriel. "I have brought you a note from my mother. Something about the pattern of a bedquilt, I believe. And some chickens and apples and a bag of fresh hickory nuts."

Aunt Dora read the note once, twice, three times over. Then she regarded Muriel in a sinister fashion from under her thick, black brows, while the girl played unconsciously with the cat.

"Humph!" said she. "Yes, I'll go and get the pattern!"

She was gone some time—half an hour, at least, as it seemed to Muriel, and when she came back, the girl started up.

"It is nearly dark," she said. "I must make haste home."

"Well you needn't be in such a flurry" said Aunt Dora, with a grim chuckle. "I've sent the pattern by Tommy Jenkins. He's half way to shore by this time."

Muriel uttered a little shriek.

"And how am I to get home?" she cried.

"You ain't to get home at all," said Aunt Dora. "You're to stay and spend the New Year with me. That's what your mother said in her note."

"But I shall not!" exclaimed Muriel, stamping her foot vehemently. "I must go home! I expect company tomorrow."

"Sit down and be easy—do!" said Aunt Dora. "Must is for the king. I'd like to know how on earth you're to get home, with only one boat at the steps, and that padlocked tight, with the key snug at the bottom of my pocket!"

And Aunt Dora laughed a hard, dissonant laugh that was like the croak of a raven.

For a moment Muriel gazed wildly around like a newly caged bird, then she burst into tears and sobs.

"It is all a stratagem of mother's!" she cried, wringing her hands. "I might have known it! I might have known it!"

And that night at the White Reefs lighthouse, with the melancholy sea lapping the foot of the tower and the wind whistling around the steady glow of the beacon, was the dreariest that Muriel ever spent in her life.

"You ain't good company tonight," said Aunt Dora, glancing at her niece ever and anon between the stitches of her darning.

"Because you have deceived me!" cried Muriel. "You and mother!"

"Humph!" said Aunt Dora. "It's all for your own good. You'll thank us one of these days. Girls oughtn't to have their own way."

But Muriel only wept on and refused to be comforted.

She went down to the foot of the tower, the next day, and sat there, her cloak wrapped about her shoulders, listlessly gazing out on the sparkling floor of the deep.

"Is that a boat coming?" she asked herself. "With one man in it? Is it coming here, I wonder?"

Nearer and nearer came the boat, rocking lightly on the surface of the waves, and presently Muriel started up, with a cry of joy.

For it was Paul Clifton waving his hand to her, as he came ever nearer and nearer.

"A happy New Year, sweet Muriel!" he called out, as the boat touched the stone steps. "I am the enchanted knight come to rescue you from the prison tower!"

"How did you know I was here?" said Muriel, with sparkling eyes and velvety cheeks dyed with crimson.

"Your mother was entirely noncommittal," said Clifton gayly. "I could learn nothing whatsoever from her except that you were well and were not receiving company. But I was fortunate enough to meet Tommy Jenkins, who, for the consideration of a silver quarter, ignominiously turned state's evidence. And here I am, my sweetheart! Will you come with me?"

"Of course I will," said Muriel, springing lightly into the boat. "But where?"

"To be married," said Mr. Paul Clifton. "It is high time that this system of tyranny was broken up. My little Muriel must be mine and mine alone henceforward. Do you not agree with me?"

And Muriel answered:

"Yes."

Aunt Dora got to the window just in time to shriek an ineffectual summons to the pair in the fast receding boat.

"It's no use," said Aunt Dora, drawing a long breath. "When a girl is in love, she is neither to hold nor to bind. I've done the best I could. Mehitable can't blame me!"

Two hours later Muriel walked into the old brown roofed house on the shore, leaning on Paul Clifton's arm.

"Mother," said she to the amazed Mrs. Vane, who fully believed that she was "dreeing her weird" in the solitary lighthouse tower, "I am married! And this is my husband. Will you forgive us, please? For I am so very, very happy today that I do not want a living soul to be at variance with me!"

And so Muriel signed her declaration of independence, and became Paul Clifton's wife upon this glorious sunshiny New Year's day. And Mrs. Vane and Aunt Dora were compelled to confess themselves outwitted and to accept their defeat with as good grace as possible.

"Fate is fate," said Aunt Dora grimly.

"And I wash my hands of the whole concern," said Mrs. Vane.

But Paul and Muriel were serenely happy. And what mattered aught else? —New York Ledger.

Begging Bread and Cheese.

Scotch children of the poorer class in small towns still beg on New Year's eve from door to door at the houses of wealthier families for a dole of oat bread, calling out "Hogamanay" or some of the local rhymes which are given in Chambers' "Popular Rhymes of Scotland," such as:

Hogamanay,
Trollolay,
Give us of your white bread
And none of your gray!

They also beg for cheese, which they call "nog-money," and Brand's "Popular Antiquities" gives this begging rhyme used by Scotch children:

Get up, gude wife, and binno sweir;
Deal cakes and cheese while ye are here,
For the time will come when ye'll be dead
And neither need your cheese nor bread.

As the children on these forays are swathed in great sheets formed into a deep bag or pouch to carry the oatcake they form quite a mumming and fantastic appearance on the by streets and lanes.—Independent.

New Year's In 1790.

New Year's day, 1790, was one of special interest to those who delight in tracing facts concerning this method of celebration. President Washington, then in the first year of his first term, lived at the Franklin House, in Cherry street, New York.

The city was then a little Dutch town of cobblestones and gardens, containing about 1,400 houses and 20,000 people, most of whom were tradesmen and mechanics of very limited means.

The president had lived among them several months, but most of them had held aloof through the awe inspired by his great character and his high office. But on this New Year's day a great number of them put on their best cocked hats, their Sunday wigs and all their best clothes and called upon the president.—Philadelphia Times.

Some Good and Bad Omens.

To meet a red haired person on first getting up indicates a dull day in business, and if such a one cross your door on New Year's day you will have an unlucky year. While making a trade, if a cross eyed person looks at you, it indicates that the bargain will be unprofitable. To hear a cricket chirp is good luck, and it is always a welcome sound under the hearthstone of the farmer's house.—Exchange.

A New Epoch.

As the sun completes his annual revolution through the heavens by touching the southern solstice, and then commences his return to northern latitudes, man is compelled to recognize a new epoch in his own career and is reminded to pause a moment for earnest reflection in order to gather wisdom from vanished months and to forecast the signs of the future.—Christian Work.

Japan's Common Birthday.

The first of the year is really a sort of double festival in Japan, for the Japanese, like the Chinese, reckon their age from that date. A child born 24 hours before New Year's day is called 1 year old on that day, so that it is the birthday of all the Japanese people.—New York Advertiser.

WATCHING THE OLD YEAR OUT.

The Custom Once Common In New England Has Nearly Passed Away.

An old fashioned "watch night" in New England or the middle states was until recently one of the institutions of this country. The keen, frosty air of the early evening bore upon its crystalline and twinkling depths the sound of numerous strings of sleighbells converging at the church. The well loaded cutters and the crowded sleighs hissed through the creaking snow, that stamped off with loud emphasis at the porch door, announced the arrival of each load. The interior of the church, heated to almost a point of discomfort by big stoves, still retains the decorations put up when the Christmas tree did service before its removal. The usual chatter and gossip soon subside. A solemn hush falls over the assembly, and when the first hymn is given out it is sung with more hearty uplift of tone than usual. The prayer is more fervent than usual, and the anthem that follows it is more like a dirge. The young elder, who is present, preaches an address, the tones of which fall on all hearts with a sadness that begets repentance. No such theme as this finds expression at any other portion of the year, "We all do fade as a leaf," and then he closes with Longfellow's mournful words:

Howl, howl, and from the forest
Strip the red leaves away.
Would the sins that thou abhorest,
O soul, could thus decay
And be swept away!
Kyrie eleison! Christie eleison!

More singing, more prayers, all instinct with earnestness, and then a shrill voiced girl recites Prentice's "Dying Year,"

'Tis midnight's holy hour, etc.

Another Tennyson's "Old Year," then comes a breathless waiting, and the bell strikes, when a joyous "Amen!" is followed by a burst of song that every one joins in.—Chicago Tribune.

Love and Charity.

If you can make love and charity in your heart chord with the last song the choir sings New Year's day, you can make up your mind that you are a pretty good man after all.—Kearney Journal.

A Song of the Season.

I love no rost but a nut browne toste
And a crab layde in the fyre;
A little bread shall do me stead—
Much bread I not desyre.
No froste nor snow, nor winde, I trowe,
Can hurt mee if I wolde.
I am so wrapt and throwly lapt
Of jolly good ale and olde.

Back and syde go bare, go bare;
Both foote and hand go colde;
But belly God send thee good ale inoughe,
Whether it be new or olde.

With sober cheerfulness the grandam eyes
Her offspring round her, all in health and peace,
And, thankful that she's spared to see this day
Return once more, breathes low a sacred prayer
That God would shed a blessing on their heads.
—Selected.

NEW YEAR PORTENTS

ANCIENT SUPERSTITIONS REGARDING THE WEATHER.

The Twelve Days Succeeding Christmas Supposed to Be Indices For the Ensuing Year—Curious Customs and Beliefs of Many Lands.

The 12 days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 6 have long been recognized as indices of the weather during the following year. The ancient texts referred to distinctly assert this, a Sanscrit proverb running thus, "The 12 nights are an image of the year." Another text from the same sources evidently refers to the same period, "The Rhibhus (storm demons) sleep for 12 nights and days in the house of the sun god Savitar."

In northern Germany it is said that as the weather is during each of the 12 days, so it will be during the corresponding months of the year to come. A like belief exists to this day in Lancashire and Northamptonshire, England, and a very old writer (1590) records the current notion in his day that the 12 days served as an index of the coming year's weather. It was said in one English port that if the wind blew hard on the fifth night (Dec. 30), ships at sea would be in great peril the coming year.

The inhabitants of the Vosges mountains restrict this prophesying period to that of our holidays, from Christmas to New Year's, and are willing only to say that these six days indicate the character of the weather for the succeeding six months.

In one part of our own country it is said that "the first three days of January rule the coming three months," while in another place the 12 days are said to be the "keys of the year."

Of New Year's day itself we have the authority of a very old weather prophet—the author of the "Shepherd's Kalendar"—for the generally ominous portents to be drawn from the weather on that day, "If New Year's day in the morning open with dusky red clouds, it denotes strife and debates among the great ones and many robberies that year." More recently it is said of this day, "If the morning of New Year's day is red, it portends foul weather and great need." While of the second day of the year it is said, "As the weather is this day, so it will be in September."

In the "Book of Presidents" (precedents), 1614, Jan. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are set down as unlucky days. Another chronicle says: "January.—Of this first month, the opening day, and seventh, like a sword will slay."

The first day of the year is often regarded as the proper time to make certain divinations with reference to many events affecting the future. In Northamptonshire the master of the family then tempts fate by opening the Bible with his eyes shut and obtaining from the passage first touched with his finger some indication of the events of the coming year.

Among the Wends young maidens hasten the advent of the chosen husband by going to the henhouse on New Year's eve, striking the perch right among the hens, while repeating to themselves the following doggerel:

If cackles the hen,
You will have a man;
If cackles the hen,
Who knows when?

Certain observances are supposed to obtain luck for the year following. In one part of modern Greece all in the house go out early New Year's morning, then return to the dwelling bearing each a branch on which the leaves are well dried. These are cast on the open fire, each wishing at the same time good luck to the family. The drier the leaves, the greater the flame and the better the augury.

In the north of England new clothes are put on for luck the first day of the year.

An odd ceremony is recorded of one locality in England. Bands of straw were put under the feet on New Year's day while at table. When the meal was finished, one person got under the table and another one sat on his back and drew out the bands of straw. These were taken to the orchard and bound round trees, which were thereby insured to bear a full crop of fruit the next year.

In parts of France it is regarded as unlucky to lend anything on New Year's day.

The fire must be watched with great care on the first day of the year. In Lancashire, England, it is said that if it do not burn through the night of New Year's eve, bad luck will visit the household that year; nor must any one be given a live coal, or even a lighted candle at this time, for the bad luck will then visit the recipient of the gift.

At Auspach the shadow thrown on the wall by the candles on the Christmas tree, on New Year's evening will, if any one is to die soon, represent his shadow headless.

In Roumania the New Year begins with a ceremony of blessing the waters, the priest performing a mass and sprinkling the streams with holy water while blessing them.—St. Louis Republic.

Queer Welsh Beliefs.

In many parts of Wales to see one's shadow in the moonlight upon New Year's eve is believed to be an infallible sign that the person seeing it will die before the expiration of the coming New Year, and there is also a popular superstition that if an unmarried woman should see her face reflected in water on New Year's eve it is an infallible sign that she is destined to live and die in a state of single blessedness.—New York World.

So Many Gifts.

Three hundred and sixty-five spick, span, new,
Beautiful presents for me and for you!
Fill them with kindness and sunshine, my honey,
And you'll find these gifts better than plaything or money.
—Youth's Companion.

The Magic Bell.

The old year is dead, and hoary haired time
High in the belfry is tolling his knell
From the phantom rim of a magic bell,
And the world is swayed by its mystic chime.

For earth is the ponderous tongue that swings
In the tower of time. The cathedral dim
Is the universe, and the bell's huge rim
Is the ether blue as it rings and rings.

The chimes are the passions that sway men's souls—
That tempt and inspire them. The thoughts, the deed,
On this New Year's eve from the earth doom freed
In one mighty vibration upward rolls.

And hushed are the voices around the throne,
As the Great Creator receives his own.
—Detroit Free Press.

SIAMESE NEW YEAR.

Evil Spirits Supposed to Infest the Departing Year—A Night of Terror.

The Siamese "Choola Sakarat," or religious New Year, generally falls on the day after the first full moon in the month of March. The Brahmin astrologer, whose sole duty it is to point out the aspect of the sun, moon and stars, heralds the approaching full moon by setting in motion all the multitudinous gongs and temple bells in the city far and near. The people, who are always ready, waiting, for this signal, have generally finished their business for the year. Debts have been paid off, accounts closed, merchandise disposed of and all traffic of buying and selling suspended three days previous to the expected event.

The announcement made by the many tongued instruments is received by the vast population that inhabits the valley watered by the beautiful Menam river with fear and trembling, for they firmly believe that this is the witching hour when the very atmosphere of the world is alive with gods, demons, genii and hobgoblins, and forthwith the anxious, superstitious people hasten to frustrate their evil designs. They bind unspun cotton thread, consecrated by the priest, round their doors and windows, as the sacred thread is supposed to prove an effectual barrier in keeping out the malicious spirits. This done they place by the doors of their houses and huts a platter containing a pig's head and a bottle of arrack, as a conciliatory repast for the wandering ghosts that may desire to regale themselves during the night, after which the whole city, like the snail, draws in its horns and no consideration will tempt a mortal soul to venture out of it until sunrise the next morning.

At sunset every family offers to its own household genii an oblation of candies, perfumed tapers and roasted rice. As for the royal palace, 7,000 balls of unspun cotton, of seven fibers, consecrated by 27 priests, are reeled round and round the walls, and from sunset until dawn a terrific and continuous cannonading is heard from all the forts of the city to rout the evil spirits that infest the departing year.

But once this dreadful night is passed, the terror sticken inhabitants, with a long drawn sigh of relief, prepare to welcome the new year. Dressed in many colored silks, they repair first to the temples to offer praise and thanksgiving for their deliverance and to make handsome gifts to the priests, and not until they have propitiated Buddha and Buddha's earthly representatives do they think of their own merrymaking.—Exchange.

New Year's Wassail Bowl.

No English holiday was of much account that was not observed with flowing bowl. On New Year's eve the wassail bowl was filled with spiced ale and drunk in families, and poorer folk tied a bowl with ribbons and begged for money for ale to fill and refill the bowl, singing:

Wassail, wassail all over the town:
Our toast it is white; our ale it is brown;
Our bowl it is made of a maplin tree;
We be good fellows all; I drink to thee.

In some parts of England the old year is "swept out" by men and boys with blackened faces, dressed to represent sweeps; in others it is "burned out" with bonfires. Sometimes it is rung out with muffled bells that are unmuffled and rung clear after 12 o'clock.—Independent.

What Happy New Year Means.

A happy New Year! What does it mean? Are not these words often thrown out as a greeting without thought or depth of meaning? Is it a year in which to ourselves come wealth and health, prosperity and friendship; one spent in the pursuit of fleeting pleasure and filled with self centered interest? No! Rather let the wish be to each and all, as the new year dawns with all its opportunities, that the days of 1896 may be well spent—filled with thought and sympathy for those around; that in self forgetting and kindly deeds the happiness of others may be ever sought, and then most truly will each act rebound again in joy and blessing to the heart from which it springs.—Maud Booth.

New Year Means Progress.

A new year, not simply another year. Many people may be said to live the same old year over and over again. Each succeeding year is the same unit added once more to the sum of life. There is the same task performed in the same spirit with the same motive; the same imperfections of character, the same failures of conduct. The times may change and progress hasten, but if we stand still, we live only the old year once again. A new year never comes to the contented ox; he simply grows old. It is not the lapse of time or the progress of civilization, but our progress, which makes possible to us a new year. —Josiah Strong.

For the Ensuing Year.

May the new year, just opening to us, be signaled in public and in private life by the growth of noble ideas—of ideas that shall make men freer, truer, better; that shall more and more reflect the incomparable teachings of the Holy Child whose nativity we have just celebrated, and whose spirit, imitated and obeyed, can redeem the time and crown mankind with blessedness.—Christian Work.

Birth of the Year.

How like a human birth the waking hour
Of the child year! The weak and querulous gale
Mid tears of rain doth lift a kindred wail.
Blankly the sun's eye stares; the air doth lower
Dense as a listless ear. Beneath a shower
Of snow fresh fallen those branches, white and frail
As newborn limbs, lie prone, with only power
Given to endure what wind soe'er prevail.
The baby lips that pout their hungering
Do not more wistfully the nurse invite
Than every spiral leaf bud yearns for spring.
And as the young blue eyes wax deep and bright
While the soul greatens, so the glowing light
Widens by morn and eve its azure ring.
—Philadelphia Times.

New Year Fairies In Wales.

Among the Welsh people fairies are known by the name of "y tylwyth teg," which means the fair folk or family, and are believed to have remarkable privileges on New Year's eve, at which time they are said to be rampant and to possess unusual power. They are thought to have a great fondness for children, and woe betide the fond mother who has in any way offended the tylwyth teg during the now dying year. Let such a mother watch carefully and unceasingly at the cradle where her darling lies sleeping on New Year's eve, for if she fails to do so the malicious fairies will come in her absence and steal away the child and susbstitute for it a "plentyn neuid," or changling, who, though it may at first be the exact counterpart of the stolen little one, will soon alter into a frightful looking, shrunken, puling brat, not unfrequently becoming idiotic. —New York World.

Debts Settled on New Year's.

On New Year's eve in Japan handfuls of beans are thrown about the rooms and over the threshold to exorcise evil spirits who may be about.

Before the new year the merchants endeavor to get in all the money that is owed to them and to pay or settle their own debts. As a consequence many things can be bought very cheaply at the end of the year, for ready money is the great desideratum. Men carrying trays of something looking like white worms go through the streets crying, "Soba, soba!" the Japanese form of macaroni, which, eaten with soy sauce, is a favorite delicacy with the coolies and jinriksha men. For their little customers these men make all sorts of figures of devils, gods and animals from this paste.—Exchange.

French Canadian Jour de L'an.

A child prostrate before its father asking for his blessing on a New Year's morning. This is a typical custom among the French Canadians of the province of Quebec, and undoubtedly retained by French Canadians now resident in New England and other parts of this republic. The head of the family rises early New Year's morning, renews the fire on the hearth and in the stoves, and, seating himself in an armchair within the shadows of the Yule log, watches the embers and awaits the first of his offspring to ask for the paternal blessing on the glorious "jour de l'an." —Boston Globe.

Read the Bible New Year's Morning.

In many a Welsh household the first thing that is done by each member of the family on rising on New Year's morning is to consult the family Bible with a view to learning from it what the coming year has in store for the person seeking the information. This is done by reading the first verse upon which the eye falls, and the verse in question is believed to foretell in some way the good or ill fortune, the happiness or unhappiness, during the just begun new year of the person making the trial.—Exchange.

New Year Bells.

Of all sounds, of all bells most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year. I never hear it without a gathering up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelvemonth. I begin to know the worth of that regretted time, as when a person dies.—Charles Lamb.

First Action—Second Action—Third Action.

So said the wise Athenian, We shall be wise to follow his advice in many matters; in none more so than in grappling with a cold or with dyspepsia; or in seeking relief from consumption in its earlier stages. It is absolutely useless to sit down and bemoan our bad fortune. We must act—act—act. The first and most imperative action necessary is to procure a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The third action will naturally follow—we shall proclaim abroad its virtures.
Sardis, Big Stone Co., Minn.

R. V. PIERCE, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.: *Dear Sir*—Having felt it a duty to write of the good I received by taking your medicine, I now would say, than one year ago I was given up by my family physician and friends; all said I must die. My lungs were badly affected, and body reduced to a skeleton. My people commenced to give me your "Medical Discovery," and I soon began to mend. It was not long before I became well enough to take charge of my household duties again.

I owe my recovery to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Respectfully,
MIRA MILLS.

"Can prounce more than he can pay for. My dear, I have arrived at the age of reason. Take the man who can pay [illegible]"

"I am cured since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla," is what many thousands are saying. It gives renewed vitality and vigor.

Jinks—I am always embarrassed when I want to say the word v-a-s-e. I don't know whether to say vaze, vace, vahz or vawse.

Binks—You might take a hint from our hired girl. She simply speaks of all ornaments as "them there."

Her Objections.

O maiden, thou are passing fair;
No charms with thine are worth compairing.
I love thee, yes, I vow, I swear:—
Said she, "I much object to swearing."

O, from my suit, love, do not shrink,
I feel thy bright eyes' fascination;
Intoxicating love-draughts drinks—
Said she, "I hate intoxication.

If thou reject, my race shall end
Beneath the turf the earth embracing,
The last remains of thy fond friend—
Said she, "I hate the turf and racing."

But if he had taken with him as a present, a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescriptions he would have been more successful in his suit. She doubtless owed many of the charms which captivated him to its virtues. For brightening woman's eyes, and giving her that healthy look so much admired by the opposite sex, it has no equal. Send 10 cents for Book (168 pages) on Woman's Disease. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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THE NEW YEAR.

Who can tell what a year will bring forth? It is not of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death that we are thinking, though to take a business-sense view of Christianity and of the promises of the gospel of Christ it would seem that every rational being would accept the conditions of salvation and make sure of Heaven. If there were "millions in it" men and women would be rushing pell mell to insure their right and title to the treasures that corrupt and fade away, but the value of the soul! It is an old story, and men and women live as though they have no belief in the future or in the gospel of Christ. But it was not a sermon—not of this kind, at least—that prompted our conjecture as to the results of 1896. It was because we were thinking of the wonderful discoveries, inventions and progress of the past years.

A quarter of a century, when spoken, seems like long time, and it is to all when anticipated, but to him who has passed or approaches the half century line, it appears brief enough, when reviewing the years. It has not been very long since New Year's 1871, and in our own country what rapid strides in the development of every branch of industry, every line of work! A quarter of a century ago the population of this country was 38,558,371 and to-day it is nearly double that. In 1871 the speed of the railroad train was 22 miles an hour and to-day it is 45, with trains running on special time for hundreds of miles at the rate of a mile a minute. Twenty-five years ago it took a steamer fourteen days to cross the Atlantic while now the floating palaces make it in five and a half days. The telegraph offices have increased more than five fold, and where there was not a telephone there are now 650,000. There was not an electric street railway a quarter of a century ago and to day there are in this country 450, coverning mile upon mile of the street and public highways. The velocipede with iron tire was then thought a marvel, and so it was, but what of the "safety" with pneumatic tire? This list might be extended indefintely, and, when we consider it, and look to the future we are prepared to listen to any proposition. Nothing is too great for the ingenuity of man. This is a progressive age and we must get on the car of progress or we shall be le ar in the rear. But how?

How shall we enter the train of improvements, take passage on the New Year's cars? By reading, by thought, by study. By the improvement of the golden hours as they are given. The year 1896 will bring to most of us 396 periods for rest and labor, of twenty-four golden hours each. How will we spend them? It is for us to say, to say in part at least, for some of them must be given to the daily vocation, but some of those hours are at the disposal of each and every reader of the TRANSCRIPT for use or abuse, for improvement or dissipation. It should not be all labor for there never was a truer proverb than "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but he who hopes to be something, to get somewhere in 1896, must begin with the New Year and put to the best use the golden hours.

New Year's resolutions! Certainly. Good resolves are always in order and never more so than on New Year's morning. Because some laggard laughs at his own failures, should not deter you from making resolutions and from keeping them. What shall they be? Examine yourself and determine. What is the first deficiency? Set to work to qualify yourself to master it and then do it. It is easy to tell what your neighbor should do but for yourself it is not so easy to obey the Greek aphorism, "Know thyself." It is a most valuable knowledge, however, and the New Year can not be used to greater advantage than the becoming acquainted with self. If people only would begin to learn more of self and to bother less about knowing more of their neighbors, how blessed would be the year 1896.

But what do you hope to accomplish in 1896 Are your objects worthy? Will you be of those who shall make the year notable for some great invention? or will you do more than that—gain the mastery over self and live for the good of mankind?

1895! It is past, or nearly so, but it should not be forgotten. Its pleasures and joys and triumphs may well be remembered, and so may its defeats and its wasted opportunities that they may warn against future failures. Then good bye, old year, thou hast brought us many new friends as well as blessed opportunities and we thank thee for them.

1896! Welcome, New Year, and may the lessons of the past enable us to improve your every period. May you bring prosperity to the country, peace and plenty to the people, and may truth and honesty and righteousness prevail though thy days. Welcome, Happy New Year!

ON Friday of last week President Cleveland sent a message to Congress appealing for relief from the present financial straits of the country. Congress acted promptly and has passed a bill, adding $40,000,000 to the revenue of the country, by a note of 205 to 81. This is evidence of a Republican Congress, an active, working Congress. It is more than probable that before these lines reach our readers, that Congress will have passed a bond bill authorizing the Treasury to make loans at 3 per cent. and thus save another loan to foreign capitalists at 4 and 5 per cent., such as Cleveland and Carlisle have made recently, giving away millions of the people's money. There was no mistake made when a Republican Congress was elected.

MORE CONSPIRACY.

Last week Mr. Addicks gave out the statement that his "Union Republican Club" in Wilmington would employ counsel to aid the lobby which he is maintaining in Washington to prevent the seating of Col. duPont. It is now announced that his Club will not take such action, presumably because he could not get the members up to the acting point. At a recent meeting of the Club when the seating of Col. du Pont was under discussion and the conclusion was reached that his claim is a just one and that he will be seated, one of Addick's shrewdest followers and quickest to change camps in an emergency said, "But where does that leave us fellows?" and his inquiry remains unanswered as yet, but their failure to carry out Mr. Addick's plans to hire attorneys in their name to defeat the seating of Col. duPont, is evidence of the forsaking of the sinking ship.

But this is not the only reason for a damper on the ardor of the Addicks forces. This week we were told in Kent county of his efforts through his Dover lieutenants to recall a couple of small loans which had been placed to do his cause some good and to secure him support, and hence the Addicks stock is correspondingly depreciating. And in Wilmington the promises made to the Ward Clubs with a great flourish in the Democratic papers of donations and payment of rent, &c, are not materalizing, and even the bills for cigars set up at these pow wows are unpaid, hence the petering out of the Addicks enthusiasm.

But another proposition is made. It is another conspiracy with the Democrats. It is that the Republicans of Kent county through such of the County Committee as they can get to act, shall ask the Governor for a certificate, and he by previous arrangement is to decline, and then the courts are to be mandamused to compel him to issue the certificate with the answer already anticipated—a refusal. This is expected to have weight with the Senators when the question shall come up in the Senate. It is but another evidence of the conspiracy entered into between the Governor and the man who was then Chancellor of the State, and Addicks and the men controlled by him the last day of the session of the General Assembly How much will the people endure in this direction? For it is the rights of the people in being deprived of a representative in the United States Senate and not of the Republican Party that Addicks and the Democratic conspirators are trifling with. What think the rank and file of the Democracy of the acts of their leaders in aiding Addicks to another chance to purchase a seat in the Senate? That is what it means. And what think the Republicans of Kent county that any of their representatives should lend themselves to this base effort to put "Addicks or nobody" in the Senate? This is the situation exactly. Will the officials in Kent county defy the honest conviction of the rank and file of the party? We do not believe they will dare to do it. Col. du Pont should be seated. We are reliably informed that many who have felt friendly towards Mr. Addicks in Kent county, some men of political prominence, have seen that his methods are to rule or ruin, and not a few have their eyes open to the fact that with Addicks it is rule and ruin. His efforts to defeat the seating of Col. duPont are more than even his erstwhile friends can tolerate. We do not believe that Addicks and the Democracy can defeat the Republican Party if true Republicans will but do their duty.

It is not profitable that this last effort of the conspirators will avail them. No one but the party interested, in this case Col. duPont, institute mandamus proceedings, and again these political desperadoes fail.

A CURIOSITY IN NUMBERS.

Whatever will put the child to thinking will do good. If parents and teachers will call the attention of children to items of unusual interest it would start in many of them a train of thoughts that would create a desire to know something else from books or papers. Try it.

Below is given a clipping from the *St. Louis Republic* which will illustrate our meaning. State your proposition to the school, illustrate with the number 2, the first product being 4, the second 16, the third 256, and before they have made the least calculation have them guess how long it would take them to figure out the result. Have the whole school to guess with pencil and paper silently, and then gather the guessing slips and compare. Before giving them the information which the TRANSCRIPT gives you it would not be a-miss to have them try the calculation. We predict that such an exercise will arouse the most indifferent school. Will some teacher try it and report briefly to the TRANSCRIPT? Here is the "Curiosity in Numbers:"

Take the number 15. Multiply it by itself and you have 225. Now multiply 225 by itself, and that product by itself, and so continue until you have 15 products multiplied by themselves in turn. For fear that you will not have time to complete the task, should you be rash enough to attempt it, I will say that a Peoria mathematician has made the following discouraging report:

The final product called for contains 33,539 figures, the first of which 1,442. Allowing three figures to an inch, the answer would be over 1,000 feet in length. To perform the operation would require about 500,000,000 figures. If these figures could be made at the rate of 100 per minute, a person working 10 hours per day, and working 300 full days each year, would need 28 years in which to complete the task. If, in multiplying, he should make a row of ciphers, as he does in other figures, the number of such characters used would exceed 523,000,000. In fact, to be exact, the precise number of figures used would be 523,939,229. The above would be the precise number of figures used if the product of the left hand figure in each multiplicand was always a single figure. But, as it is most frequently, and yet not always, two figures, the method to obtain the foregoing result can be accurately applied. Assuming that the cipher is used on an average of only once in ten times, then the final products will be found to approximate 475,000,000.

RULE OR RUIN.

"The unprecedented spectacle is now presented before the Senate of the United States of a citizen claiming a seat in that body, by virture of an election by the Legislature of his State and being opposed in his claim by one political party of that State, by the Governor (the chief executive of the State) and by a faction of his own party.

This is the case of Colonel du Pont. Contested election cases are usually between two persons, each of whom claims that the other was illegally or informally chosen. No individual claims a seat against Colonel du Pont, and therefore the effort against seating him is to the end that one of the two seats to which Delaware is entitled under the constitution shall be vacant.

A stranger to existing political conditions in Delaware might think that Delawareans, in respect to their small area and population, were modestly protesting against a greater representation in the Senate than they felt themselves to be entitled to; or it might be conjectured that the man chosen was mentally or morally unfit. But neither is the case. No one objects to Colonel du Pont's qualifications, and no one would abridge Delaware's representation in the Senate. So far as representation goes, those who opposed Colonel du Pont could not be satisfied with several Senators.

The efforts made against Colonel du Pont are those of desperate and unscrupulous politicians—the worst element of both parties—who look upon governments only as a means of satisfying individual greed and ambition. Their every force and act is against orderly government. It does not seem to have ever entered the heads of one of them to be a statesman, a public servant for the general good. There motive has been to tear down where they could not build in accordance with their own plans. When they are not of the majority they are rebels against the spirit of republican institutions, and we are not sure that some who have sworn to support the constitution of the State did not break their oath to do so before its echoes had died away.

What sort of citizens were the four political desperadoes who defied their fifteen Republican associates to the last? Were they acting in accord with the principles of popular government, or were they casting the wishes of the people aside and doing the bidding of a a dictator? For nearly twenty centuries Nero has been execrated for fiddling while Rome burned. What sort of rebels against their party and their people must be those who yet applaud and support the would-be dictator in Delaware? They claim to be patriots, but are only mercenaries; they claim to be Republicans, but do not acknowledge the first principles of popular government. When four men could not control 15, they deserted to the ranks of the enemy, there to make a guerilla warfare on the friends with whom they were the day before making common cause. Deserters, rebels, can they be trusted with anything except the spoils of war?

What of the eleven Democrats of the last Legislature and their advisers? They were in a minority—that position in which any man or party of men is so frequently found under political institutions. They could not govern, and it was their privilege to block legislation if they could by any coalition do so. They could not elect one of their own number a Senator, and they could not even prevent an election when four of the opposite party rebelled. Without a single voice for honest intention, without a thought for the honor of their State, and only mindful of the spoils—they manufactured an other Senator out of a pliant Governor and conspired with the rebels to defeat the popular demand and expectation that some one of Delaware's citizens be chosen to represent her in the Senate. To put it in the mildest way these fanatic politicians forced the Chief Executive of the State to a doubtful interpretation of the fundamental law. He broke the spirit, if not the letter, of the law he solemnly swore to execute.

What did they gain? What could they gain? If Colonel du Pont was not seated, the Governor could not appoint. A vacancy would exist for two years and at the end of that time the chief with whom they had conspired, true to no one but himself, would then prove their most formidable enemy. They may have thought to disrupt the Republican party, and they may have succeeded; or they may have made a spectacle and set a precedent that will disrupt their own.

They at least connived with desperation, disorder, disreputo and ingratitude."—*News and Advertiser.*

STOP MY PAPER.

With New Year's many subscriptions to the TRANSCRIPT expire. A few are marked to be discontinued We rather not part company with old friends but having gained ten for every one lost the TRANSCRIPT cannot complain. If by chance any paper to be discontinued is still sent, be so kind as to notify by postal as it is not the intention to send the paper to any one who does not want it.

The appeals from some of our brother editors to their delinquent subscribers are unique. This is the season for duns, and there is no business with more small bills than the country paper and it is no little amount of trouble to collect them. It takes the same time to make out a bill for a dollar, a year's subscription, as for a hundred dollar bill. We give a sample of an appeal thinking it may touch some TRANSCRIPT subscribers. A Sussex paper gets there thusly: "Christmas, the time of the year when we especially exert ourselves to bring good cheer and happiness to the hearts of our friends, —Christmas, with its joys, its gladness, its blessings, is but three short days distant. The time is short, but it is sufficiently long for our delinquent subscribers to gladden our hearts,—not with a gift, for we have not yet quite descended to beggary,—but by sending us that for which you have already had "value received"—the amount of your arrearage for subscription. There are eight hundred of you who did not respond to our appeal last August. Think what joy it would bring to us if each one of these eight hundred should open their hearts and pocket books at the same time, and send us the small amount due us! Try it brother! Your Christmas will be the happier for the knowledge of at least one happy deed."

IN KENT COUNTY.

Mrs. S. J. Spruance, widow of Louis H. Spruance, has been appointed postmaster at Brenford.

Judge Marvel has granted a charter to the Sentinel Printing Company of Dover. The corporators are J. Frank Allee, Mifflin Wilson Newell Ball, S. S. Pennewill, John H. Bateman and George W. Roberts.

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ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. John Watkins spent Friday in Delaware City.

Miss Ida Lord is visiting relatives in Maryland.

Miss Maggie Prettyman spent Monday in Wilmington.

Miss Ella Ferguson, of Blackbird, spent Christmas in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins spent Wednesday in Middletown.

Mrs. Leonard V. Aspril spent part of last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Etta Rose has been visiting her father, Mr. David C. Rose.

Joseph W. Brown, of Delaware College is spending his vacation at home.

Mr. Clay Temple, of Philadelphia has been entertained by Mrs. W. S. VanDyke.

Mr. Stanley Stevens, of Bridgeton, has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mr. Cookman Bryan, of John Hopkins University, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. P. Roberts.

Mr. Lewis Coppage and Miss Georgie Enos, of Wilmington, are visiting Mrs. Joseph H. Enos.

G. L. Townsend, Jr. has been a guest of Prof. George A. Bunting at his home in Bishopville, Md.

Messrs. J. Chester and George Gibson, of Wilmington, and Charles of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with their parents here.

The six o'clock meeting held in the M. E. Church Christmas morning was very well attended. Notwithstanding the earliness of the hour there were a number from the country in addition to the town people who were present.

The members of the B. T. C. were entertained in a very pleasing manner Thursday evening by Miss Louise VanDyke. The evening flew swiftly by enlivened by various games and about mid night the guests departed to their homes.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. F. T. Eagle was in town on Sunday.

Miss J. W. J. Marly is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Lou Price who is ill with the grip is somewhat better.

Miss Mary Higgins is visiting Mrs. Twels in Woodbury N. J.

F. D. Warner is enjoying the holidays at his home in Connecticut.

Miss Lucy Jackson is spending the holidays in Chester Co., Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foard and little daughter, Marjorie. spent Christmas with his parents.

It is estimated that about 300 persons attended the service at the M. E Church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lizzie Price, of near Chesapeake City, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Price, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMullen, of Wilmington, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchinison.

Miss Alice Vail has recovered from an attack of scarlet fever and is enjoying the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, of Philadelphia, were guests on Christmas day of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris.

Mrs. John Keane. Miss Berenice, who is home for the holidays, and Willie, were in Philadelphia for a short time this week.

Rev. L. E. Barrett, presiding elder, preached in the M. E. Church on Sunday. Mr. Barrett was Mrs. Julia Brewer's guest.

William T. Hukill aged 91, who died in New Castle on Saturday, was buried on Tuesday morning. Mr. Hukill was an old resident of Delaware City.

On Sunday evening Dr. Driggs, of Alaska, gave an interesting talk in Christ Church, telling of efforts made to christianige and civilize the Alaskan natives.

The Christmas entertaiments by the Sunday-schools will take place as follows: The Methodist on Friday of this week; the Episcopal on Monday evening in the parish house; and the Presbyterians on Tuesday evening in the church.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Edwin Amos and Mrs. Amos' father are enjoying the hospitality of Baltimore friends. While there Mrs. Cecil Rice will have her little son christened on which occasion four succesive generations will be represented.

A number of our people residing elsewhere spent Christmas with their home folk. Among them were Fred Morris, Early Fountain, Norman Cleaver, Harrington Clark, Misses Hannah Swan, Mattie and Bessie Price. Also Julian Reeves.

The "Christmas Waits" were out in full force on Christmas eve. representing the M. E. and P. E. Churches. The first were entertained with Xmas cheer by Mr. Alex. Jarrell and Mrs. C. Van Culin, the latter by Mrs N. G. Price and Mrs. H. C. Johannis.

Extensive improvements have neen made in Mulligan's Hall. The partitions of the rooms in front of the hall have been removed, and now the hall occupies the entire second floor and has a gallery that will seat fifty. Mr. Mulligan proposes to refurnish it in the Spring and then it will be the best in the town.

Reciprocity.

Those who do not believe in sentiment, and who with hard heads (if not cold hearts believe in giving Christmas presents only to those who give them in return, only swap gifts. This is not the giving enjoined in the Bible—that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Selfish giving is reciprocity This is not bad whatever it may lack of the divine spirit.

But there are those who believe in reciprocity to its fullest extent, however they may practise it. They firmly believe in an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a dollar for a dollar. To some such and to many others we have been sending whole yards of newspapers for a year. Now let them reciprocate by sending us just a small piece of paper, about 2½ by 6 inches, green in color and authorized by Uncle Sam. This $ mark may be found on it in many places.—*News and Advertiser.*

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Jerry Colburn, a well-known citizen of Seaford, is dead, aged 75 years.

A fire in Milford last week destroyed the residence of Andrew J. Ross and two stables.

Sussex county gunners will purchase 1000 quail for the purpose of stocking Sussex county.

William Maull, who died in Lewes last week, left $250 each to the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, and $150 to each of the two colored churches in that town.

The Sussex county almshouse last year raised 3000 bushels of corn, 700 bushels of oats and 250 bushels of wheat, besides vegetables and poultry, and is a self-supporting institution.

All the capital stock of the Lewes & Rehoboth Electric Railway Company, $25,000, has been subscribed and $1500 paid in. The road is to run from Lewes to Rehoboth Beach.

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Man can walk into a Clothing Store to-day and buy better Clothing for the money than at any time since Clothes were first made. The same man can walk into a Shoe Store and buy better Shoes or into a Ha Store and buy better Hats for his money than any time since he was born, (unless, of course, he has some celebrated hat or shoe that has been the same price for ten or twenty years,) and that same man can walk into this store where we sell all these things and save enough on the suit to buy the hat and shoes. This subject may be worn

Threadbare

and you may think "chestnuts." On a fine Suit of Clothes, we'll guarantee to save you at least five dollars; on a medium price Suit or Overcoat we'll guarantee to saving you at least three or four dollars and on a cheap Suit we'll save you two dollars, but that won't buy Shoes and Hats! You bet it will. We're at home on the

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of saving—that's our business. A dollar and ninety-four cents will buy you a good pair of shoes, and a full stock hat. Two-fifty will buy you a better pair shoes. Middletown price on them would be three-fifty. At three dollars we sell you a genuine welt shoe.

The Suits that we are showing at $5.00, $6.50, $8.00, $10 and $12, are of full worth. There is not a man that reads this ad but what looks as well in one of them as he does the one he's got on, and where did you get that hat?

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, Prof. W. B. Tharp, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

If you receive a copy of this paper which you did not order, consider it an invitation to subscribe. If you do not want it, kindly hand it to a neighbor. No charges is made for it unless ordered.

Local News.

—The Public schools will open next Thursday.

—There has been no clue to the robberies of last week. It will be well to securely fasten up the homes.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand.

—Keys to a jewel case or work box were picked up on Main street Christmas day and can be had by calling at this office.

—J. Wilkins Coochhas an autograph letter of General Burgoyne, which he will present to the Delaware Historical Society, in Wilmington.

—The Delaware Iron Co. of New Castle, gave each of the office employes, from the Superintendent to the office boy, a Christmas present of $25

—The hop to be given in the Opera House next Monday evening, by the Young Men's Social Club, will be a brilliant affair. Two hundred and fifty invitations have been issued, and many of Delaware's belles and beauties will be present.

—Would it not be more profitable to our farmers to feed their corn to good beef cattle instead of selling it at the prevailing low prices? There is always a demand for fat beef cattle. We have no doubt that our farmers would find it to their advantage to follow the suggestion made above.

—The offer of twenty-five dollars to the Sunday-schools of Middletown made by the TRANSCRIPT, still stands, having been made in good faith, and any man or woman will be welcome to the money who will comply with the easy conditions.

Mr. Wm. B. Kates won a handsome $125 Windle bicycle which was disposed of by chance by Mr. J. B. Maxwell on Tuesday. There were 160 tickets sold, selected by lot numbered from 1 to 160 and paid for according to number. Mr. Kates held 14 and 46, the latter drawing the prize which cost him 60 cents.

—There was a large party of Christmas merry-makers at "Sunny Lawn," Mr. William Taylor's beautiful country seat, near town, on Wednesday, and the day was celebrated in the most delightful way. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Wood and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnett and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins and family, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones and son.

—The fixed and movable festivals of 1896 are as follows: Epiphany, January 6; Septuagesima Sunday, February 2; Shrove Sunday, February 19, First Sunday in Lent, February 23; St. Patrick's day, March 17; Palm Sunday, March 29; Good Friday, April3; Easter Sunday, April 5: Low Sunday, April 12; Rogation Sunday, May 10 Ascension, Day May 14; Whit Sunday, May 24; Trinity Sunday, May 31; Corpus Christi-June 4; Michaelmas Day, Sepember 29; First Sunday in Advent, November 29; Christmas Day 25.

—In beginning the New Year no better resolve can be made than to lay by some thing monthly for a time of need, and no safer nor more profitable way to invest your savings than with the Farmers and Merchants National Building and Loan Association of Delaware—Home Office. Dover. Local branches established in all the principal towns makes the mode of payment convenient, and the personnel of the board of directors is a guarantee of wise investments.

—The Levy Court appropriated this week $2,500 additional to the Ferris Industrial School, making $5000 in all for the year. The gross expenses of the School for the year have been $11,123.84 and the receipts from private sources $6,456,75, leaving a defecit of $4, 667.09. By a comparison it was shown that it costs the county $164,50 a year for every prisoner in the jail at New Castle. while in the Ferris School it costs $161.12 per boy, and the boys are taught to work, given a trade so that they may become useful members of society when they leave the school.

—Four generations of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Cochran's family celebrated the Christmas festival at their home on Green street, on Wednesday. The venerable head of the family and his great-grand-daughter, the wee lassie, Ruth Woods, together with about twenty-five others of the children and grand children enjoyed the day together. Telegraphic dispatches of greeting were received from the absent ones, and many callers during the day added the good cheer of friendship to family ties. Old time hospitality prevailed, and as usual the day was memorable for its pleasant social pastimes.

—The Christmas entertainment given by St. Anne's Sunday school in the Parish House Thursday evening was very enjoyable. A new version of the old story "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe"—was charmingly rendered, Miss Hodge impersonating the old dame much to the delight of her audience, while her numerous appendages gave pleasing variety to the program. Mr. William Brady as old Santa Claus, was a jolly old Saint indeed, and his fine large Christmas tree bearing a gift for every child was the grand finale of the evening. The house was crowded with visitors and many were unable to obtain entrance.

—The Hon. H. W. J. Ham will be at the Opera House, Thursday evening, Jan 2nd, and will lecture, subject "Red Lights and Warts." Mr. Ham was here during Teachers' Institute and all who heard him then will not fail to hear him again. Tickets at Letherbury's to-day; 35 cents; no extra charge for reserved seats.

—It is getting to be quite the thing to graduate and get a position through the recommendation of that fine school. Goldey's Wilmington, (Del.,) Commercial and Short Hand College. Get a Catalogue.

—The Diamond State Brass Band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peterson at their home on Anderson Street, Thursday night, and were very pleasantly entertained by the bride and groom with a bountiful supply of refreshments.

—On the first of January next, the magazine Romance, which has heretofore been devoted to fiction entirely, will undergo a complete change, and will be issued as a five-cent magazine, filled with illustrations of a popular kind. The magazine will be a considerable novelty, the idea being to emphasize the illustrated side of it rather than the text. There will be 48 pages containing not less than 60 illustrations, printed from the best of plates on the best of paper. There will be pictures of noted painters, of people of the day, of actors and actresses, of literary inviduals at home. Scientific matters will be treated of, and amatuer photography will be given a generous space. Altogether the design has met with a cordial reception wherever spoken of, and readers will be sure to profit by purchasing the early numbers, which will form a perfect little picture book of genuine, contemporary interest.

CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLETOWN.

It was an ideal day, but not an ideal Christmas day. The air was as balmy as spring and truly December was as pleasant as May. There was no suggestion of Jack Frost and the boys and girls who received sleds were not as enthusiastic over their gift as they would have been in a zero temperature. It was a fine day for driving, walking and wheeling, and many people sought enjoyment out-doors. The sound of the church going bell was heard at intervals all during the day, and not a few found time to participate in the beautiful Christmas service at St. Anne's and St. Joseph's Churches.

There were a great many home-comings, and all the boys and girls, old and young, who were away. came home to hang up the Christmas stocking, and there were many happy family parties in and around town. Old Kris did his duty by all, and rich and poor, old and young had a part in the good will and good cheer of the day. Good Lady Bountiful and her liege lord wer much in evidence and many a box and basket of substantial provisions as well as the more delicate gifts of the season, founde their way into homes where they were most needed. The merchants all seemed in good heart from having had a satisfactory Christmas trade, exceeding their expectations in nearly every instance. The mild weather affected the trade in heavy goods, but the general trade was excellent.

There was a great demand for Christmas turkeys and the local dealers were unable to fill all their orders.

Christmas trees were numerous and handsome, and peace and good will prevailed.

The Diamond State Ba n gave a street concert at noon, and in the evening a fine entertainment was given in the Opera Hous by the Amphion Ladies Mandolin Quartette, but the audience was small.

The only thing to mar the spirit of the day was the fire water. There was more drinking especially among the colored people than has been known for years.

Old World Christmas Proverbs.

Every one in America knows the old world proverb, "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," but few others of the old world Christmas saws are current here. Some of these saws are exceedingly interesting and not less instructive as showing the changes that time and location have made in the proverbs of the country people. Here are a few:

"A warm Christmas a cold Easter"

"A light Christmas, a heavy sheaf."

"A green Christmas, a white Easter."

"If there is a wind on Christmas day trees will bear much fruit."

"If ice will bear before Christmas, it will not afterward,"

"The shepherd would rather see his wife enter the stable on Christmas day than to see the sun shine in at the stable door."

"If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be an abundant crop the following year."

The meaning of all these is clear enough but there is one that is not so clear:

"If Christmas finds a bridge, he'll break it if he finds none, he'll make one."

CHURCH CHIMES.

The Sunday School of Forest Presbyterian Church will have its Christmas entertainment on next Tuesday. All are invited to attend.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening at 6.45. Topic for Sunday evening, Dec. C.29, "How next year may be made better than this has been." Meeting to be led by Miss Martha Heaton.

Rev. S. B. Meeser, for the past two years, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. in Wilmington, has received a call from a large and wealthy church in Worcester, Mass.

Dr. T. E. Martindale has declined the invitation to become the pastor of St. Paul's Church in Wilmington, which was recently tendered him unanimously by the official board of that congregation, and has doubly endeared himself to the people of Milford by this decision.

In the M. E. Church to-morrow morning the pastor, Rev. I. L. Wood will preach on "The Need of Consecration," and in the evening on "The New Birth." Revival service will be held every evening during the week, beginning at 7.30 o'clock, to be preceded by a 15 minutes song service. There will be an afternoon service on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 3 o'clock. Everybody is welcome, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised Mrs. Rosanna McElwee, Leano Plater, Annie Margen, Elsie R. Steel, Joshua Lodine, Mrs. Emma Ford.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Florie Owens, May Webb, Annie Bordley, Mattie Roberts, Lillian Cleaver, Elsie Jones, Sophie Clothier, Clara Willits, May Kumple, Lizzie Holten, Grover Johnson, Maurice Burstan, Davis Gary, George Allee, Herman Wilson, Maurice Bratton.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Julian Cleaver, Grover Talbot, Louise McDowell, Edgar Rowe, Joseph P. Comegys, Stella Suydam, Randolph Geary, Harold Roberts, Ethel Rowe Edith B. Allee, Ella Burchard, Helen Brady, Mary Nowland, Helen Cochran, Ethel Ginn, Bessie Craddock, Mary Holten, Ada Roberts, Ada Davis, Minnie Smith.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. Lindsay Cochran, of New York, is at home.

—Miss Ella Jarrell is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington, was a holiday visitor in town.

—Mr. Walter Edwards, of Philadelphia, is at home for the holidays.

—Mrs. C. P. Gears is visiting her brother, Mr. J. C. Armstrong, at Smyrna.

—Miss Rosa Hayes, of near Wyoming is spending the holidays in town.

—Albert Ginn, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week at his home in town.

—Robert A. Comegys, of the University of Pennsylvania, is at home this week.

—Mr. Victor Reynolds, of Atlantic City, was among the holiday visitors this week.

Mr. Charles Jones, of New York City, spent the holiday week at his old home in town.

—Mr. J. H. Clark, of Delaware City was in town this week, the guest of Cashier Geo. D. Kelly.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hammond, of Camden, Del., spent the holidays with Mrs. M. E. Dager.

—Mr. Curtis B. Holten of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Holten.

—Mr. Edward Vaughan spent Christmas day down in good old Sussex at his old home in Milton.

—Ex-Senator Anthony Higgins spent Christmas day at his sister's, Mrs. D. W. Corbit, in Odessa.

—Miss Fannie Derrickson, of New York City, spent Christmas with her parents at "Bohemia Heights:"

—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cochran, Jr., of Orange N. J. are spending the holidays with friends in town.

—Mr. Al. Reynolds, of the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the holidays with Middletown friends.

—Mr. Thomas Cochran, of Washington, D. C. was with his family on North Broad Street on Christmas day.

—Mr. D. L. Dunning had a pleasant Christmas with his daughter, Miss Mary Dunning, in Philadelphia.

—Miss Clara Moore, a medical stude nt at the Woman's College, in Philadelphia, is at home during the holiday season.

—Mr. James Budd, of Steelton, Pa. and Mr. William Budd, of Wilmington, were among the home comers this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Houston, and daughter, Miss Myrtle, are Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Naudain, in Baltimore.

—Mr. J. T. Stewart has closed his jewelry store in the Opera House block and removed to Seaford, having purchased his brother's store there.

—Prof. W. B. Tharp, made a brief visit to the TRANSCRIPT on Monday, on his way from Baltimore to one of the lower counties where he is spending the holidays.

—Mr. Warren Cochran, of Washington, D. C.. Mr. Victor Cochran, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Clarence Cochran, of New Castle, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ella Cochran.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arthurs and family, of Kenton, and Miss Alice Case, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris at their Christmas celebration and family party, on Wednesday.

—Mr. James R. Hoffecker had a very pleasant family party at his home on South Broad street on Wednesday, his children and grand children all being present; Mrs. C. B. Hoffecker, and son Jack, of Camden, Mr. and Mrs. William McCrone, and little one, of McDonough and Mr. J. J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia.

—A family reunion was celebrated on Christmas day, at Mrs. Catherine Merrits; those present were. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Lingo, and daughter Emma, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staats and son Wilbert, of Fairlee Md., Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Merritt, Misses Mary and Emma Merritt.

Mistletoe at Yuletide.

The connection of mistletoe with Christmas is a very curious one, says Robert Blight in the Philadelphia Press, and for from being a general only. Literature is perhaps mainly responsible for it, in that allusions to a custom, in a great degree purely local, have made a large number of persons interested in the plant. It, moreover, seems to me that the custom of using it in Christmas decorations depends on two considerations—first, its evergreen habit, and. secondly, the veneration in which it was held by the Druids. In the orchards of Herefordshire and Worcestershire in England, and in those of Normandy, apple trees may be seen covered with mistletoe to such an extent that in winter time, when divested of their natural leaves, they present a mass of green in the leaves of their parasitt.

The reasons mentioned have no doubt done much to secure for the mistletoe the place which in recent times it has held in Christmas festivities, but it is not so universally honored at Yuletide as the holly. In fact, its popularity is purely local, and its use as an ornament, in places where it does not grow is due rather to an antiquarian sentiment than to any feeling that its presence at the rejoicings of the season is necessary. You may have a very merry Christmas without any mistletoe at all but to the majority of the people a Christmas without a sprig or two of holly would scarcely seem to be Christmas at all. Even that rare old plant, the ivy green, cannot compete with the holly as a necessary part of domestic adornment for the Christmas merry gatherings.

Still mistletoe has a certain amount of sentiment attached to it, and therefore the mistletoe bough finds a place in the farmhouses, mansions and castles of the districts of England where it grows and in the dwellings of the wealthy where it can be purchased, while here a spray is bought just for the sake of old memories.

MY MARYLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. McCoy, of near Cecilton, have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter Miss Edna McCoy to Mr. James H. Smith, on Tuesday evening December 31.

Booth has just laid in a supply of White Grapes, Bananas, Oranges, Nuts, also a line of fine Candy. Lowney's fine Chocolates a specialty. In the Restaurant will give you anything you want to eat from 7 a. m. to 12 p. m. Turkey dinner to-day at Rice's old stand.

Calenders for 1896 free at W. R. Reynolds Call for them.

Mrs. Massey has a full stock of beautiful silver ware, jewelry, clocks and watches for the New Year.

ALFREE S. WRIGHT.

The many friends of the late Prof. A. S. Wright will read with interest the following sketch of his life which recently appeared in a local paper of his native state, which pays a worthy tribute to his memory. He was born in Lewiston, Maine, Feb. 11, 1831, and died in Norridgewock, Nov. 26th, 1895.

From his parents. Dea. Timothy and Susan R. Wright, he inherited many sterling qualities. In his boyhood he suffered from throat trouble that threatened to end his life and that left him in a delicate state of health. On this account he was spared those labors that usually fall to the lot of boys reared on a farm. In his early youth he taught school in the neighboring towns with marked success. When a little past twenty he went to Maryland to engage in teaching. Two of his older brothers were already there in the same business. He pursued teaching in Maryland and Delaware for several years and at the same time studied law. He returned to Maine and was admitted to the bar. He then married and settled in his native city for a few years when he again returned south and resumed the teacher's vocation. In 1873 he married his second wife, Ellen Francis Taylor of Norridgewock. They settled in Port Penn, Delaware, where they remained three and one-half years and then removed to Middletown, in the same state, where, associated with his wife he spent more than ten years in the same school. Here in Middletown, he achieved a measure of success that would have satisfied a spirit even more exacting than his, which is saying much. As the Principal of a large public school, that he built up in a place where only "Select schools" had flourished, he found room for the play of his restless energy and his superior administrative ability. Middletown at that time contained a large number of practical, intelligent business men, who saw with delight so many of the youth of the place fitted by the thorough training given in school, for positions of honor and usefulness.

Perhaps the richest fruitage of his life, more than one-half of which was spent south of Mason & Dixon's Line, was secured during the decade spent in Middletown. The spell that bound him there was never broken. After he left he often received letters from his former pupils gratefully acknowleding their indebtedness to him. In 1884 he removed to Norridgewock, Maine. This step was deeply regretted by the people of Middletown but several reasons compelled him to take it. He had business interests that needed his presence, the aged mother of his wife was anxious for them to return, and he had re-peatedly been solicited to take charge of the High School in town.

This position he accepted and held for four years. The warm place he held in the hearts of his pupils were often manifested, and never more so than on the day of his funeral by the presence of many of them, and by the exquisite floral tributes presented by twenty-eight of them.

Mr. Wright was a man of shrewd, practical sense, a clear logical mind, and warm sympathies. A deep sense of justice lay imbedded in the very roots of his nature; hence whenhe suffered from the injustice of others he felt it keenly. He delighted to assist those in need of friendly advice or counsel and many a case of doubt and perplexity has been solved by him to the great relief of those helped. To people less fortunate than himself he willingly lent a helping hand even at much personal inconvenience.

In the social intercourse of his family circle Mr. Wright found rest, freedom and intense satisfaction.

O, how sadly is he missed in that home he loved so well! The funeral occurred Nov. 29, and was attended by friends from Boston and Melvin, Mass. and from Greene, Oakland, and Norridgewock, Me.

John Carroll.

John Carroll died at the residence of his son Michael, on Lake street, Thursday, of pneumonia, in his 72d year. He had resided in Middletown for over forty years, having formerly had the Bakery here, in which he did a good business. He was a very inoffensive, quiet old man, a familiar figure on the streets, and every body had a good word for him. His funeral will take place this afternoon at 2. o'clock from his late residence. Interment at Forest Cemetery.

CURRENT EVENTS.

President Gilman, in his annual report states that during the nineteen years of the John Hopkins University's existence it has enrolled 2, 738 students.

Lord Dunrayen arrived in New York on Christmas day. He comes from over the sea to prove his charges of fraudulent management on the part of the Defender in the Yacht races last fall.

Rev. Geo. W. Dame, of Danville, Va. father of Rev. Geo. W. Dame, of Smyrna, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday, aged 83 years. He had been rector of the Church of the Eiphancy at Danville for fifty three, and resigned last spring on account of old age.

Baltimore had the distinction of having an "Cat party" for one of its Christmas festivities, the Angora cats of a feline devotee gave "at home" to a select company of visiting cats, and entertained them with a Christmas tree trimmed with mice, jugs of milk, raw meat and catnip. After partaking of these dainties the cats curled up and went to sleep and, then their chaperons bundled them up and took them home.

The street railway trouble in Phila., which broke out afresh last Saturday, is now ended by the company giving their old men work again; cars are running regularly on all the lines, and between three and four thousand men are again at steady work. The imported men have left, and a committee has been appointed to hear the grievances of the strikers.

The large brick stables of Geo. L. Welsh, President of the Traction Co. in Philadelphia were burned on Tuesday, incurring a loss of $20,000. Because of his attitude to the strikers, there is much bitterness against Welsh, and it is believed the fire was caused in revenge.

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At the Family Liquor Store of James A. Kelley Tenth and Shipley streets, Wil. you will find the largest stock of Rye Whiskies Brandies, Gins, Cordials, etc, in the city. Mr. Kelley is agent for the Tokion Wine Company of Oakville, Cal., from whom he receives every week a large invoice of the finest wines in the market, which he is selling at the low price of 50 cents a large bottle or $1.50 per gallon. These goods combine the following: Blackberry, Port, Sherry, Claret, Catawba and Rhine Wine. Also finest stock of Foreign and Domestic Ales, etc. Phone 414. Mail orders promptly filled.

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TOWNSEND TOPICS.

The public schools will open on next Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Disch is visiting her parents near Leipsic.

Rev. T. E. Bell is spending the holidays with friends here.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Torresdale, is the guest of her parents.

Rev. Albert Chandler and family are visiting in Crumpton.

Prof. Smith has gone to his former home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Will Shockley, of Greensboro, is the guest of his brother, L. B. Shockley.

Mrs. G. S. Hopkins, of Middletown, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Pinder.

Messrs. John and Abe Bratton, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with their parents here.

Croquet seems to be the favorite game for the holidays. Rather an unusual mid-winter pastime.

Miss Mamie Townsend, of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her parents and friends here.

Mr. Thomas Maloney and family spent Christmas day with his daughter, Mrs. Jacobs, of Millington.

Quite a number of citizens went to the oyster supper given at Mr. John Carpenter's last Thursday evening.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Hutchison, of Pennington Seminary, made a short visit to his mother during the week.

Nathaniel Guessford died near here on Tuesday. His funeral took place on Thursday; interment in Emanuel cemetery.

Mrs. H. V. Parvis and family, of Middletown, and Mrs. M. E. Reynolds, of Golts, ate Christmas dinner with Mr. Edward Hart.

Nine men went from here to Philadelphia during the strike expecting to get work on the street cars. They have come home wiser if not richer.

The Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle threw open their doors on Christmas evening. They had a pleasing program prepared for the occasion, consisting of recitations, readings, and singing.

Christmas day was quietly and pleasantly spent. Family reunions being the order of the day. There were twenty-seven persons at the home of Mrs. Joanna Lattomus, including children, grand children, etc.

There was considerable excitement here last Saturday morning when our townspeople had learned that three houses had been entered by burglars during the night. Mr. J. A. Lynam had some trouble with the one who attempted to rob his house, and he only succeeded in fighting him away by firing at him. Mr. Edward Hart followed after one who broke into his house, and although the man shot at him five times and struck him repeatedly, he succeeded in catching him and stripping him of his coat, but the man was a large strong person and he got away. The only thing of much value missed from any of the places was the wedding ring of Mrs. Mary Hess There was one arrest made but as nothing could be proven the negro was given his liberty on Thursday morning.

The Sunday school gave its annual Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening. The program was heartily enjoyed by all. After some recitations and appropriate music the curtains were drawn, showing a sitting room with a beautiful broad chimney and fireplace, with mantle and clock, stockings were hung on the mantle and at one side was placed a tree decorated with candies, etc. The Christmas pantomime, "Twas the night before Christmas," was rendered. Miss Julia Staats reciting and two little girls, one taking the character of Granny Kringle and the other that of Mother Merry. suited their actions to the words of the poem, and just at the nick of time "Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound." He filled the stockings and "up the chimney arose," etc. But at this juncture a little boy came forward and told us that Santa had a scheme on hand, and he believed that the mortar between the bricks was not very tight, and that he might be able to loosen one if he tried. After he succeeded in getting one loose he called for Santa Claus to come back which he did; he tore down the chimney and with the help of Granny Kringle and Mother Merry the bricks were distributed to the members of the school; they proved to be boxes nicely filled with candy, etc.

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Notice of Election!

NEW CASTLE CO. NAT. BANK, OF ODESSA } ODESSA, DEL., December 13th, 1895.

The stockholders annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house on Wednesday, January 1st, 1896, between the hours of 11 o'clock, a. m., and 1 p. m.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Notice--Election!

PEOPLES NAT. BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN, } MIDDLETOWN, DEL., December 12th, 1895.

The annual election for Ten Directors will be held at the banking house, on Saturday, January 11th, 1896, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

GEO. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co.

Will be held at the Hotel of Chas. W. Lloyd, in Odessa, on

Monday, JAN. 6th, 1896,

At which time Seven Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on deposit notes at five (5) per cent. per annum will be required to be paid.

The Directors have declared a Dividend of ten (10) per cent. out of the Contingent Fund on all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 6th, 1896.

The election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M.

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No. 1181.

REPORT of the CONDITION of the CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, December 13th, 1895:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$102,281 47
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,	206 96
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	80,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds,	9,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	6,885 00
Banking house, furniture, fixtures,	13,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	3,100 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	5,704 62
Due from State Banks and Bankers,	3,519 39
Due from approved reserve agents,	38,727 41
Notes of other National Banks,	405 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents,	159 25
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie, 5,540 00	
Legal tender notes 4,500 00	
	10,040 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).	3,550 00
Total,	$276,529 10

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	$ 80,000 00
Surplus Fund,	11,000 00
Undivided profits. less expenses and taxes paid,	3,237 15
National Bank notes outstanding,	72,000 00
Due to other National Banks,	11,597 08
Due to State Banks and Bankers	4,757 03
Individual deposits subject to check,	93,937 84
Total,	$276,529 10

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
County of New Castle, }

I, John S. Crouch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of December, 1895.

RICHARD FERGUSON, N. P.

Correct—Attest: JOSEPH BIGGS, HENRY CLAYTON, STEPHEN BOYER. } Directors.

No. 3019.

REPORT of the CONDITION of the PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, December 13th, 1895:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	$109,480 25
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,	238 47
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	51,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds,	3,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	7,910 00
Banking-house, furniture, fixtures,	11,540 96
Due from National Banks, (not Reserve Agents)	2,606 44
Due from State Banks and Bankers	228 36
Due from approved reserve agents,	19,996 93
Checks and other cash items,	1,435 46
Notes of other National Banks,	2,351 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents,	139 81
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie, 2,780 50	
Legal tender notes, 6,860 00	
	9,640 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation),	2,295 00
Total,	$222,553 18

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$ 80,000 00
Surplus fund,	5,330 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid,	3,220 82
National Bank notes outstanding,	45,900 00
Due to other National Banks,	9,928 49
Individual deposits subject to check,	75,148 87
Cashier's checks outstanding	5 00
Total,	$222,553 18

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
County of New Castle, }

I, G. D. Kelley, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23th day of December, 1895.

RICHARD FERGUSON, N. P.

Correct—Attest: J. FRANK ELIASON, G. W. W. NAUDAIN, G. F. BEADY. } Directors.

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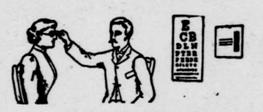

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REGISTER'S OFFICE, NEW CASTLE COUNTY, Del., October 30th, 1895.

Upon the application of Henry Cleaver, executor of W. U. Webb, late of St. Georges hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be in

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Boys' Overcoats,

$2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 $4.00, $5.00.

Boys' Reefers,

$2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00.

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75 cents to $6.00.

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MIDDLETOWN MARKETS.

PRODUCE.

Creamery Butter, lb	33c
Country Butter, lb	28c
Eggs, doz	22c
Lard, lb	8@10c
White Potatoes, basket	30@25c
Sweet Potatoes, basket	40@50c
Apples, basket	35@50c
Chickens alive	8c
" dressed	9c
Ducks, alive	9c
" dressed	10c
Turkeys, "	10@11c

GRAIN.

Wheat, No. 1, bus	63c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	60c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 60
Clover Seed, bus	6 00
Corn, yellow, bus	27c
Corn, cob, bus	27c
Oats, bus	18c

Of Interest .....To Farmers

FIFTEEN MILLIONS OF EGGS.

In a single photographic establishment in England 5,000,000 eggs are used every year; while the number in calico printing, leather dressing, and we believe, book binding processes must almost exceed the number used as food. How are the wants of Britain supplied? Our eggs are not manufactured, as an ingenious myth some years ago affirmed was the case. The simple explanation is that they are imported.

The extent to which they are brought across the sea is shown by the fact that last year we paid £3,000,000 to foreign farmers for eggs, every pound of which might have remained at home for the British agriculturist's benefit. An annual outlay of £3,000,000 means that the eggs for which this was paid must have come into our ports at the rate of more than 3,250,000 on every working day. To this branch of the British commissariat France contributes most largely, Germany and Belgium coming next.—*All the Year Round.*

DISCOURAGING FIGURES.

A Caroline county farmer makes the following discouraging calculations of the balance sheets of the Peninsula corn-grower; "Prices of corn are truly discouraging to the growers. Both white and yellow corn are selling for about 30 cents a bushel in the cities, while local buyers are paying only 23 to 25 cents, as to quality. Now if the farmer pays his laboring man $10 a month, which the majority of them do, and employs him for ten months—which is generally considered a working year for that class of persons—counting his board at $5 per month, making a total of $15, or $150 for the time employed it will require six hundred bushels of corn at present prices to meet the expenses of that one man." With all the drops in the market value of the farmers product, the wages of the men whom farmers employ is never taken with a corresponding tendency, but goes up, if it varies at all.

FEMININE DAIRY WISDOM.

Take an account of the feed you have to winter your stock and do not feed any one thing all up at once. Grind the corn and oats and mix with wheat bran.

The abundant crops of grain and the low the prices will make it possible for dairymen to winter the cows more profitably than many suppose.

Handle the manure so that the fertilizing material does not waste and thus save for the commercial fertilizer next spring.

A good dairyman and a good corn raiser go together. By feeding grain with the coarse fodder and carefully applying the manure to the corn field and meadow, you will be sure of an increased crop next year. And that means more butter, more growth, more profit. What more do you want?

Study your condition and improve them every year. Give the cows better care this winter—be enthusiastic!

Don't put the cows in a dingy, dirty stable they were in last year with all the old smells. Clean it with soap and water, brush down the cobwebs and dust and wash the windows and whitewash. Let in the blessed sunshine.

Feed with perfect regularity, and don't employ a rough, noisy, untrained man or boy, even if he will work for his board. You will lose money every day by tolerating such attendants.

Don't see how many cows you can keep but see how much you can make each cow produce. If you have been keeping ten cows—with indifferent success—try keeping five, and by extra care and feed make them produce as much or more than the ten. It can be done in almost every case where there has been no enthusiasm and things have been drifting in the old hum, half hearted way.

Be careful when feeding hay that the hay seed does not shake out on the backs of the sheep. It not only hurts the looks of the wool but injures the quality.

If your sheep are poor in flesh, ticks may be the cause of it.

Let the sheep out in the barnyard on warm, sunny days in the middle of the day. Never leave them out in a storm.

There is no use in trying to force a sheep to eat in a dirty or musty places. They would starve before they would do it. They must have pure water in a clean trough.

Do not change breeds every year or two. Select your best ewes if you have a common flock and breed them to a thoroughbred sire and save the best ewe lambs. Gradually dispose of the old ones and in a few years you will have a fine, high grade flock.

Keep the ewes in a thriving condition all the time, and you will be sure of larger and more healthy lambs.

There are many reasons why the American farmer should keep sheep. From an economic standpoint there is no animal superior and in many cases it excels. The sheep is the only animal that will restore the worn wheat field and meadow, the only animal that will keep down foreign weeds and grasses and restore the land to its former condition of fertility. It produces wool and lambs with but very little care from the shepherd, and is more profitable according to the amount of care and labor expended than any other animal the farmer can keep.—*Farm Journal.*

Our Woman's .....Column

HE woman with a bank account, even though a modest one, has a feeling of security and independence very pleasant to experience and, if this money results from her own industry and self-denial its value is still greater. Every girl should begin such an account as soon as possible. If she has a regular allowance, or is earning money, she should save a certain amount of it each week or month. If dependent on the family purse she may still perhaps deny herself something and set the sum away for a time of greater need. The thrifty habits thus formed are a fortune in themselves, while the money may bring great help or pleasure in the future. For the worker it may bring the chance so qualify herself for a better position; to the lover of travel, perhaps a pleasant trip that will broaden her views of life and give her pleasant memories, or it may be put to the higher use of helping some one in need.

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Miss Edith Okey has graduated from the Veterinary College of Toronto, where she made a special study of diseases of milk cows. She is practising her profession, and has three men for her assistants. Cow doctoring seems a suitable profession for a woman. There is no occupation for women more pleasant or profitable than dairying. In Europe it is mostly in the hands of our sex. Here in America, with our improved machinery and vast expanse of room, women can make a good success with cows.

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Cycling is growing tremedously in favor with Royal and fashionable ladies, both in this country and abroad. Queen Margheritta rides a bicycle, as does the Duchess d'Aosta. Little Queen Wilhelmina of Holland enjoys a spin on a bicycle, and the Princess of Wales and her daughters were frequently seen on similar machines when in Denmark. Lady Dudley rides a bicycle, as do Lady de Grey, Lady Wolverton, Lady Lurgan, Lady Jeune, Lady George Hamilton, Lady Rosslyn, Lady Norneys, and Lady de Trafford, and amongst the Duchess who also disport themselves on tricycles are their Graces of Sutherland, Portland, Westminister, and Manchester.

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Adelina Patti, in a recent interview published, says that her mother always declared that her cry as a baby was a "song in itself—a melodious call for help." Mme. Patti, however, believes that she cried "just as shrilly as any other baby." She tells how she used to trundle her hoop in Broadway, and adds that she trundled it well. "What ever I did I always put my whole heart into it. I'm not sure that hasn't been the secret of my success all through life." This is something to think about for those persons who believe that genius is exempt from the necessity of taking pains, notwithstanding that it has been definite as an infinite capacity for taking pains. Of course, like most epigrams, this is only a half-truth.

There are plenty of people who have the greatest capacity for taking pains, but are guiltless of the least spark of genius.

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KEEP YOUR HUSBAND HAPPY.

By feeding him well.

By serving meals on time.

By not boring him with domestic history.

By taking an intelligent interest in his affairs.

By judicious flattery and equally judicious blame.

By being an ornament to his household and a credit to his taste.

By not locking up the ways of a sweetheart in the chest with your bridal veil.

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"Men are creatures of moods, and have, as a result, their amiable epoch, and unamiable periods. The unamiable epoch, according to my researches "says a writer in the Washington Star" is, with the most of them, early in the morning, and yet that is the very time that untactful woman (with her hair quite probably in curl papers) takes to prefer her monetary claims, thereby getting herself confused in his mind with house rent, gas bills, shabby cloaks and other distasteful things; whereas, had she possessed her soul in patience till that night after dinner, and then stated her wants with a rose in her hair, she would quite as fully have maintained her reputation with him as a wingless angel. I think it is Scripture, isn't it, which says there is time and a place for all things? At all events, the saying is true as "Scripture."

"We always speak of woman's sphere
As though it had a limit,
But there's not a hundred dollar gown,
There's not a bargain store in town,
There's not a style from any source,
There's not an action for divorce,
There not a libel suit, of course,
Without a woman in it."

Is it "overwork" that has filled this country with nervous dyspeptics?—that takes the flesh off their bones, the vitality from their blood, and makes them feeble, emaciated and inefficient? No. It is bad cooking, overeating of indigestible stuff, and other health destroying habits.

The remedy is an artificially digested food such as the Shaker Digestive Cordial. Instead of irritating the already inflamed stomach the Cordial gives it a chance to rest by nourishing the system itself and digesting other food taken with it. So flesh and strength return. Isnot the idea rational? The Cordial is palatable and relieves immediately. No money risk to decide on its value. A 10 cent trial bottle does that.

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Washington .....Letter

R. Cleveland, like many other over-smart men, did not know when to let well enough alone. He made the hit of his life when he sent that message in favor of the Monroe doctrine to Congress. But he mistook the applause for the sentiments in the message for applause for himself and in his egotism thought that because Congress promptly adopted his recommendation for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the real boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela that it was ready to anything else he wanted done. So he joined the British who were trying to punish the United States for daring to stand up for the Monroe doctrine by forcing us into a financial panic, and sent a special message to Congress urging immediate financial legislation and asking that no Christmas recess be taken until some such legislation as retiring the greenbacks or authorizing an issue of gold bonds should have been put through.

In saying that it was Mr. Cleveland's egotism that caused him to write that financial message it is putting a very charitable construction upon his act Others do not hesitate to say that he did it because he was rattled by the British attacks upon our finances and by a call which was issued by the New York Chamber of Commerce for a meeting to condemn the Monroe doctrine message. He is said to have sent a member of the cabinet to New York to prevent that meeting and his messenger is reported to have made a deal whereby the meeting was declared off and Mr. Cleveland's hysterical message was sent to Congress.

So far as Congress and the American people are concerned, the message will do neither good nor harm, Congress will provide for the deficit with tariff legislation, but it will unquestionably do much harm to our interests in England. It will cause the British to think that Mr. Cleveland has become frightened and already regrets his belligerent message; and it will also encourage them to keep up their scheming to throw us into a financial panic. No possible good can be accomplished by Congress remaining in session during Christmas week, because even if the House had already passed the measure which will be reported from the Ways and Means Committee, the Senate would not be prepared to act on it until its reorganization has been accomplished. The silver men in the Senate, who have an unquestioned majority, say nothing can pass that doesn't provide in some way for a more extended use of silver.

Speaker Reed's committee assignments contain some personal disappointments, but that was under the circumstances unavoidable; there were more leading Republicans than there were leading places. But it is creditable to those who were disappointed that they have accepted the situation philosophically. Representative Payne, of N. Y., merely keeps his old place on the Ways and Means Committee, the chairmanship going to Representative Dingley, of Maine, but Mr. Payne is given in addition the chairmanship of the committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries which is an unusual honor, as members of the Ways and Means Committee are seldom given chairmanship. Cannon, of Ills., got the chairmanship of the Committee on Appropriations, but Henderson of Iowa, his rival for that honor, got a much coveted place on the Committee on Rules, as did Dalzell, of Pa., who was at one time thought to be in line for the head of the Ways and Means Committee, Walker, of Mass., got the Banking and Currency chairmanship, and Hitt, of Ills., that of Foreign Affairs, as it has been understood all along she would, but there were lots of surprises among the minor chairmanships.

Admiral Meade, U. S. N., in a lecture on the "The Caribbean Sea" took occasion to say that he considered the superiority of the individual vessels of our Navy an off set for the excess of vessels in the British Navy which was sufficient to prevent any fear on our part of the contest. He also said: "I am no prophet nor son of a prophet, but I predict here tonight that should war between the United States and Great Britain come, the first shot fired in anger will sound the death knell of the British Empire."

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, in introducing a bill for the restoration of the duty on wool, took occasion to notify the Senate that he would offer the bill as an amendment to any tariff bill that might be reported from the Finance Committee. But the general belief is that Sentor Mitchell will not be put to that trouble, because any bill amending the tariff that is reported is likely to provide for a duty on wool.

Republicans have claimed ever since the result of the election was known that the election of a Republican successor to Senator Blackburn by the Kentucky legislature was a certainty, and now Kentucky Democrats openly admit the claim and acknowledge that they have no show, even with the votes of the two populists.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

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"Bill Nye's" New Year Meditation.

Of course the serious business on New Year Day is to make good resolutions, and no person who respects himself or has due regard for the proprieties will begin to smash them until the bright-eyed young cherub whom we picture as the New Year has been long enough in the world not to mind hearing the crash of the fine china. Some authorities on the etiquette of the day say that while the breaking should not begin before sundown of New Year Day, it may be inaugurated after that time, as the cherub, being very young, and tired out with moving in, may be presumed to have retired for the night. This however, is a doubtful point, upon which it is not safe to act.

Personally, I don't begin to toy with the good resolutions until late in the day. I work up to them by degrees. The first thing I do in the morning is to think over the good I have done. I find that I can finish this very nicely before breakfast by getting up at my usual time, which is six minutes before James, my butler, brings in the first course of sun-kissed strawberries. I think I may say, without undue pride that these strawberries are kissed through the hot-house windows at fifty cents a kiss.

After breakfast I attend to my regrets for things done which ought not to have been done, and things left undone which ought to have been done. This is the undertaking of the day, and I should have to pull down the curtains upon the still night and the virgin snow, and light the lamp before completing it, were it not for the fact that I do not find myself an enthusiastic regretter, and soon tire of my work. I knock off with the comforting thought that we should only regret enough to chastise ourselves, anyhow, and then with a firm, rigid upper lip should proceed to do better. We should let our sorrows heal, if they will, instead of keeping them open, torn and bleeding, as cowardly soldiers sometimes do to avoid the coming battle. I always like to shake hands with the New Year and bid it welcome, for it seems to me to be a sort of cleaning-day, when we can put our past out on the line, look it over, and pound it with a broom and knock out the dust of selfishness and unkindness.—*From "New Thoughts for the New Year," in Demorest's Magazine for January.*

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SOUTHWARD.

	EXP. P. M.	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P.M
Philadelphia	‖11.16	‖7 25	‖10.20	‖2 02	‖3.46	‖5:59
Baltimore	6.45	6.25	8 50	‖2 05	3.00	3:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11.03	2.50	4.27	4:53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58		
New Castle		8 27		3.03		7:06
State Road		‖8.33		f 3.08		f7:11
Bear		‖8.38		f 3.13		7:16
Porter		8.45			4.51	7:23
Kirkwood		8.50	a‖1 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11.49	3.04	5 16	7:46
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9.22		f 3.52		f7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		f8:05
Clayton	1.02	9 33	12 06	4.05	5.37	8:10
Smyrna, LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5 27	8:00
Brenford		‖9.38		f 4.10		f8:15
Cheswold		‖9.43		f 4.15		f8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1.20	9.54	12.22	4.25	5.56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	‖12 28	4.31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		‖10 08		f 4.37		
Viola		‖10.12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1.40	10 17	‖12.39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.50	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		‖10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		‖10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2.14	‖10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		‖11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7.02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11.22	f 1 36		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
		a m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	‖11.08			‖8.05	‖2 26	‖3.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.36	3 56
Seaford	1.34			8 29	‖2 46	4.10
Cannons				f 8 37		f 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 45	f 2 58	4.25
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4.32
Farmington				f 8.59		f 4.41
Harrington	2.22		‖8.05	9 13	3.20	4:52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	5:01
Viola			‖8.18	f 9 27		f 5:05
Woodside			‖8.22	f 9 31		f 5:09
Wyoming	2:44	‖7 00	‖8.29	9.38	f 3 41	5:16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9.45	3 47	5:23
Dupont		‖7.10				
Cheswold		‖7.16		f 9.57		f 5:32
Brenford		‖7.21		‖10 02		f 5:36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8 42	9 58	3 52	5:27
Clayton	3.06	7.26	8.52	10.08	4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		‖7.30				f 5:46
Blackbird		‖7.36		‖10.17		f 5:52
Townsend		7.41	9 06	10 22	4.15	5:57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9 15	10.31	4.24	6:06
Armstrong		‖7.55				f 6:10
Mt Pleasant		7.59		‖10 39		6:14
Kirkwood		8.03		10.47		6:25
Porter		8.15	9 34	10.52	4.41	6:30
Bear		‖8.20		‖10.57		6:35
State Road		‖8.25		‖11 01		6:39
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Baltimore	6.26	10.37	11 15	12.35	6.55	8:40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	‖0 46	12.46	5.52	7:51
		a m.	a. m.	a. m.	p m.	p. m.

‖ Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

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"‖" Stops to leave passengers from Middle town and points south.

"t" Stops to let off passengers from points south of Harrington.

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